



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



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THE SUN STILL RISES

One of the great things about the Uniting Church – and one of the challenges, sometimes, for being an inclusive Uniting Church – is that we don't feel the need to agree on all matters. In particular, this week, I reflect on the fact that we don't all need to agree on our politics...

I'm well aware that politically I lean to the left of some in the congregation (some of you have told me so quite clearly!); I'm equally aware that there are others who are to my left. One of the fundamental values of Democracy, of course, is to respect everyone's right to form their own political opinion, and one of the fundamental values of an inclusive Church is that all political stripes are welcome. While my understanding of Jesus' teaching has led me to broadly support the political left, I would never argue that any political party has a monopoly on the values of the gospel, and I do believe that we receive the insights of those who honestly differ from us as a gift, a chance to learn more about God in what they have seen more clearly than I.

This week has tested that belief.

It may be that there are some reading this who are pleased with the results of this weeks' US election, but I'm guessing that even many who consider me to be left wing would be disturbed by the prospects of a second Trump Presidency – and what it means for the United States that a man who has been convicted of sexual assault (and even boasted about it), declared journalists to be the “enemy of the people” and stated his intention to use his office to “come after” members of the media, openly mocked the disabled, declared his intention to reverse all action on climate change, and much more, could be elected as President. I'm not claiming that Kamala Harris and the Democrat party are without fault - far from it! – or even that there is nothing good in the Republican platform, but...

So this week I have to fall back on a far more basic declaration of faith; that our God is bigger than world affairs. That, as an American friend, devastated by the election said, “The sun still rises”. As Isaiah 55:8-9 reads:

*“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

Chris

Sunday November 10th

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

- 9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...
- 10.45am **Second Cuppa group**
- 5.30pm **SOUL FOOD V**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9: 24-28
Mark 12: 38-44

What's on this week...

- Tue: Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
- Wed: Small Group 10.00am
Social Games 1.00-3.00pm
- Fri: Christian Meditation 2.30pm
Spark 7.00-9.30pm

Sunday November 17th

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

- 9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Alan Caradus
In person and online...
- 5.30pm **Worship service with Stuart and Sonia Powell**
Farewell to Frank Yuan

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

1 Samuel 1: 4-20
1 Samuel 2: 1-10
Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13: 1-8

Links

[Service live \(or replay\) streaming](#)

[Zoom \(for meetings\)](#)

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

Election of Office-Bearers

The following members of the congregation have been nominated for election to the offices listed. The elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday 24 November. Each person will be elected for 2 years unless otherwise stated.

Chair of Congregation

Sue Drury

Secretary of Congregation

Matthew Carter

Members of Church Council

Nominations for election

Carrick Martin

Chris Savundra (One year)

Dan Reeve

Matthew Carter

Lynn Gough

Pauline Callan

Simran Dryden

Continuing members not up for election

Amanda Jones

Andrew MacKenzie

Michael Dowling

Members of Elders Forum

Nominations for election

Angela Rossmanith

Matthew Carter

Maz Berry

Pauline Callan

Sophie van Ede

Sue Drury

Whiz Northern

Mark Northern

Continuing members not up for election

Amanda Jones

Lynn Gough

Presbytery Representatives for one year

Lynn Gough

Pauline Callan

Join us in prayer....

Teach us to value the Good Life we have. May we value simplicity, freedom from anxiety and the opportunity to be useful and live in harmony with our community. Teach us to touch and value the earth every day. May we live each day as it comes and not worry about the future.

Teach us to value our neighbours, particularly those in the Pacific. May we be mindful of the difficult issues that face these small nations regarding food insecurity caused by changes in climate.

Teach us to value our church community. May we take the time to support and uphold each other. Thank you for those who take on leadership positions, particularly our minister and his family. Give our leaders the energy and wisdom to make necessary decisions.

Go with us along the way, Lord, and enable us to realise your presence at all times and in all places.

Amen

Lynn

Church Family News

Frank Yuan has recently completed his PhD and has been offered a post doctoral fellowship with the Australia Institute in Canberra.

Frank has been an elder of this church, is a regular worshipper at the 5.30 service and one of the Spark leaders. We will miss you Frank, and good luck in your new role. There will be a farewell for Frank on 17 November at the 5.30 service.

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Barrie Tippins is recovering well from surgery, and is currently in rehab.



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